

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
ILLINOIS VALLEY HOLDING COMPANY)
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANTS' AGE
(37 CFR 1.102(c) and MPEP § 708.02 IV)

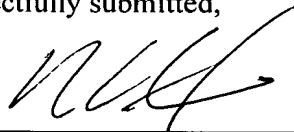
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because applicant is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by the applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.102(c).

Respectfully submitted,



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